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The North China Military Area (NCMA) has completed organization of a new army group designated the 23 Army Group (AG), which is under the direct command of Chinese Communist Army (CCA) Headquarters and is assigned to the NCMA. The 23 AG, which has a strength of three armies of 25,000 men each, is composed of cadres of the 20 AG and various units drawn from regional military forces in the Hopeh, Shansi and Pingyuan Military Districts. During formation and training the group, which was initially known as a training division, remained in Shansi with headquarters at Taiyuan. It was not formally designated the 23 AG until three months after organization.

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